

Quarterback Protection

In 1966, Rams quarterbacks were tackled 54 times in 14 league games.

Coach George Allen and his staff were almost as sore as the quarterback hind quarters.

The coaches set a 1967 goal for their offensive line: "The quarterbacks will not be tackled more than 31 times in league games."

In 1967, Rams quarterbacks were tackled only 25 times! This, according to Allen's slide rule, is an improvement of more than 110 per cent. Was the coaching staff happy? Well, you know how Allen feels about 110 per cent. The "Protectors" reached near perfection in the final six games, Roman Gabriel was dumped only twice in that span.

But, protection of the passer is not the only point of pride for offensive line coach Ray Prochaska and his players.

In 1966, the Rams were successful on only 25 of 50 short yardage situations. Last season, as they led the way for the National Football League's highest scoring offense, the Rams blockers paved the way to 75 per cent success (39 of 52) on "third-and-one and third-and-two" downs.

"Our offensive players worked very hard on this phase in training camp and that work showed during the season," Allen points out.

"A lot of factors make me believe we will continue to improve in offensive line play," he adds. "Each of these players is young and has experience, plus they have experience in working together as a unit. This experience as a group helps them combat changing defenses and adjust to problems that arise during the game. We have some fine talent in this department and they are all hard workers."

"Co-captain Joe Scibelli had his best year ever," Allen states. "He will continue to have good years because he is a young man and a real student of the game. He did a great job in leadership, too! he was a good influence on the entire offense."

Prochaska added this comment on Scibelli, who won the Ye Old Rams most valuable interior offensive lineman award: "Joe does a superior job in studying film and analyzing his opponent. This is a key to his success." "Don Chuy worked harder than any lineman we had in training camp," Allen says. "He very easily could break into our starting lineup. He's perhaps the strongest man on our club, he's tough and he can play either guard."

Tom Mack got off to a slow start at camp because of a siege of flu, but he finished quite strongly. He has excellent physical and mental capacities for an NFL guard and he has made great progress.

"Charlie Cowan," says Allen, "is our most physically talented lineman. I look for him to be an all-pro in 1968... he has just missed it the past two years. Prior to that he was too heavy, but he kept it down in 1966 and 1967 and he was much quicker. He's one of the three best tackles in the league."

"Joe Carollo was physically and mentally prepared for every game last season," Allen says. "He was much improved over 1966."

Prochaska adds: "Joe does an excellent job of analyzing the situation on the field and has a fine awareness of what is going on out there. He's another of our players who is durable and just will not allow injuries to keep him out of the lineup."

Bob Nichols was obtained by Allen in a trade that sent Roger Pillath to the Steelers and the head coach feels all the youngest lacks is experience. "When he has played, Bob has done a good job and he has a fine future with the Rams," the coach said.

"Ken Iman led the team in playing time in 1967 and this is important in my book," Allen says. "He's a student of the game and he knows what it takes to win. We like especially his quickness and desire."

"George Burman did an excellent job in the pre-season when we used him and he continued to play well on special teams throughout the league season," claims Allen. "He's the kind of man you want on your side."

Rams Look to Deal With O. J.

Los Angeles Ram president Daniel F. Reeves, who drafted the UCLA quarterback on the second round five months ago, announced Gary has been traded to the Redskins for a first round choice.

Beban heard about it as he drove to Alhambra to marry his college sweetheart, Kathy Hanson.

Before the wedding the handsome Heisman Trophy winner said: "I hope to sign two no-cut contracts. With Kathy and the Redskins."

It was learned he has already come to terms with his new coach, Otto Graham of

Washington, who plans an announcement next week.

"I wanted to play in Los Angeles," Gary admitted, "but I am looking forward to the Redskins. It will be an advantage to play under a quarterback coach."

With the Beban trade, the Rams now have accumulated three first draft choices for next year. What they have in mind is a player from USC named O.J. Simpson. They can be expected to use all three choices next December to bargain with the NFL's cellar club for O.J.'s rights.

They can be deprived of this opportunity only if an

AFL team finishes last in the percentage column in the combined standings before the common draft. NFL-AFL trades are forbidden.

At the moment, the first-round draft choice collection of George Allen, the Los Angeles coach, includes his own plus Washington's and Detroit's. He traded quarterback Bill Munson this spring for Detroit's No. 1.

Reeves, the man most responsible in the Ram organization for drafting the Bruin All-American in January, also was enthusiastic about Gary's ability—but not about his price.

Beban reportedly asked between \$150,000 and \$300,000, on a multiple-year contract. The Rams reportedly offered \$50,000 to \$100,000. All published figures have been guesses, according to Reeves and Beban.

"They have been quite exaggerated both ways," Gary said.

In any case, Reeves still was expecting to hire him when Washington got on the line to Los Angeles several days ago.

"Gary had not rejected our counter-proposal when the Redskins telephoned," Reeves

said. "I feel certain we could have signed him."

What it comes down to is that Beban was a wanted man in both cities but wanted more in Washington.

No doubt about it, said Beban, "the Redskins were more interested in me."

He will have a better opportunity in Washington than would have been possible here. The Washington quarterback, Sonny Jurgensen, 34 this fall, is now recovering from off-season arm surgery. It is probable that Sonny is the most accurate forward passer in America, but it is also likely that his days are numbered.



SUE RANKIN

South Coed Teams Up In Football

Sue Rankin, South High School coed, will represent her school at the Lions All Star Football Game Aug. 8 at El Camino College.

The pretty homecoming queen will be featured during the halftime show at high school football classic. She is also selling tickets to the event at her school and in her community.

Htr selection continues the tradition of involving the entire South Bay community in the spirit of this fine charity football game," said Don Banker, chairman.

The game pits the 60 best football stars who graduated this June in a traditional East-West rivalry. Sponsors are the West Torrance Lions Club. Proceeds will go to the Lions Eyesight program.

Tickets are priced at \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

Dannaker Enrolls at Pepperdine

Phil Dannaker of Morning-side High School has become the sixth freshman basketball player to sign a letter of intent to Pepperdine College, Coach Gary Colson announced.

Playing on the 1968-69 Pepperdine freshmen along with Dannaker will be Tommy Campbell of Compton, Anthony Chaffins of Redondo, Vern Hubbard of Vashon in St. Louis, Mo., Cliff Strait of North in Riverside, and Rich Taylor of Benicia.

Dannaker, who stands 6-7 and weighs 235, was an All-Sky League selection last winter.

Dannaker averaged 18.8 points per game last year and grabbed 17 rebounds per game.

Spectacular Year Recorded in CIF

The 1967-68 prep season will go down as another spectacular year for Southland high school athletics, beginning with a unique football championship and ending with an equally-unique spring sports season.

Anaheim's vaunted football machine kicked things off when it came from the ranks of league runners-up to capture the "AAAA" division CIF, SS, football championship over a team which had beaten coach Clare Van Hoorebeke's crew in regular-season play, Santa Ana.

The Anaheim-Santa Ana rematch, played before 26,383 fans at Anaheim Stadium, marked the first time in CIF, SS, history that two teams from the same league (Sunset) had met to decide the CIF "AAAA" title. It was also the first championship game ever played in the Big A and the first championship match played in Orange County since 1918.

During the basketball season, coach Bill Armstrong's Compton five turned in a perfect season enroute to the CIF, SS, "AAA" cage championship. The Tarabes' 32-0 season record was the first unblemished slate turned in by a Southland team in 16 years, since the 1952 Tarabes five turned the trick.

The "AA" division basketball play-offs also produced a "first" when, because of an unusually-balanced roster of entries, no top-seeded team was named for the championships, the first time in CIF, SS, history that this was done.

San Gabriel Mission figured in another Southland prep "first" in 1968 by topping Salesian, 1-0, in overtime to capture the soccer championship at St. John Bosco High in Bellflower.

Capping the list of unusual happenings during the 1967-68 campaign, San Marino's Phil Wolman, playing in the CIF, SS, Team Golf Championship, scored an ace on the 145-yard, par three 11th hole at the Victoria Club in Riverside, the first hole-in-one recorded in CIF, SS, championship play since 1945. It was Wolman's initial ace and was scored with a seven-iron.

Hackers Results

Reba Adams was first and C.M. Nelson runner up in the Hackers Haven Ladies versus Seniors golf tournament.

In the ladies event Margareta Rhodes was first and Gert Anderson runner up.

The Seniors winner was Carl Halbert and Bob Stone was second.

A hole-in-one was made by Milt Rowlett on No. 2.

Softball Races

SUNDAY OPEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE at EL NIDO

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Samso	3	0	1.000	—
Cougars	2	0	1.000	1/2
Lloyd's Uniform	1	0	1.000	1 1/2
Hi-Shear	1	2	.333	2
V.I.P.	1	2	.333	2
Chris Ekins	1	2	.333	2
Rejects	0	2	.000	2 1/2

MONDAY SLO-PITCH at WALTERIA PARK

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dependable Trophies	5	0	1.000	—
Dandoy Glass	5	1	.833	1
S.E. Church of God	4	2	.667	2
Barker Trucking	2	4	.333	4
Buggy Wheel No. 2	1	5	.167	5
Tiki Girl	0	6	.000	6

MONDAY SLO-PITCH at McMASTER PARK

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
North End	3	0	1.000	—
Buggy Wheel No. 1	3	1	.750	1
Firefighters No. 1	2	2	.500	2
Aerona	2	4	.333	4
Spartanite	1	5	.167	5
Amco Metal	1	5	.167	5

MONDAY OPEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE at TORRANCE PARK

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
T.C.I. Aluminum	5	1	.833	1/2
Stuffy's Cafe	5	1	.833	1/2
South Bay Club	3	2	.600	2
Outcasts	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Tarheels	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Bill's Breeze	2	4	.333	4
Airsearch	1	4	.200	4
Port MacArthur	1	5	.167	4 1/2

North Torrance East League

MAJOR DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Giants	9	1	.900	—
Pirates	5	4	.556	3 1/2
Colts	4	4	.500	4
Cards	4	5	.444	4 1/2
Braves	4	6	.400	5
Dodgers	2	8	.200	7

Results

Cards 6, Pirates 5
Giants 2, Dodgers 1
Braves 12, Colts 3
Pirates 1, Dodgers 0
Giants 6, Colts 5
Braves 4, Cards 2
Dodgers 2, 8

Minor Results

Cards 6, Pirates 5
Giants 5, Dodgers 1
Braves 12, Colts 3
Pirates 10, Dodgers 5
Giants 4, Colts 2
Cards 6, Braves 5
Dodgers 2, 8

Angels 14, Tigers 4

Angels 14, Tigers 4
Astros 10, Yankees 9
Meta 11, Tigers 10
Angels 9, Dodgers 9
Mets 21, Yankees 3

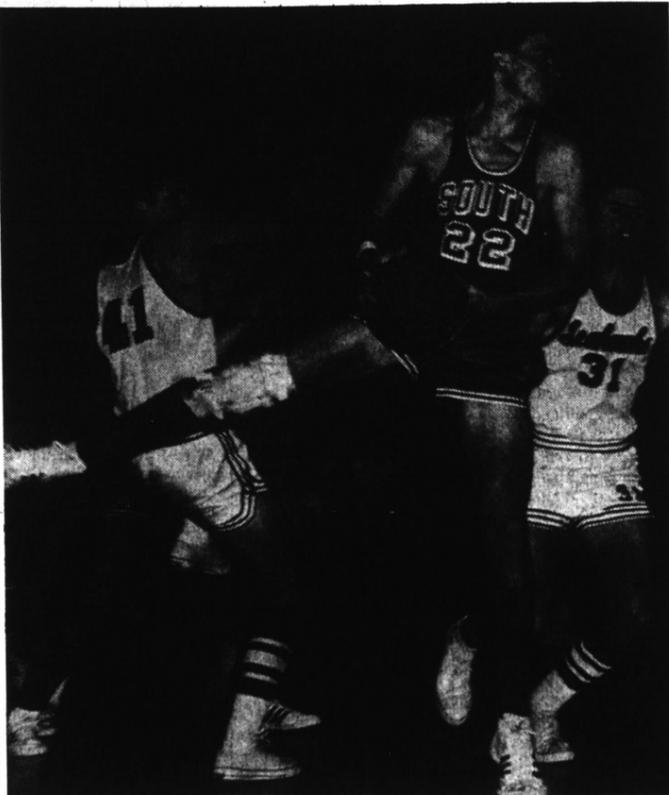
WATER SKI TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD

Tournament-style water skiing returns to major spectator sports status Saturday and Sunday when the Golden West Water Ski Tournament Club stages its first annual Greater South Bay Championships at Long Beach Marine Stadium.

There will be competition in six age groups for men and women in three different types of skiing—slalom, trick and jumping.

In each category the emphasis is on agility and speed, in contrast to the sheer strength and power called for by speed skiing.

The event, sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association, is expected to lure as many as 200 competitors from Northern as well as Southern California, and there will be no admission charge. Competition begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, at noon Sunday.



ALL-STAR CANDIDATE... Jim Owens of South High, a strong rebounder and shooter from South High, will compete in the All-City and All-CIF basketball game July 10 at the Inglewood Forum. Two all-star games have been scheduled.

JULY 10 AT THE FORUM

Classic Basketball Talent Combined for All-Star Game

"Point power" will be very much in evidence in the First Annual Southern California All-Star Prep Basketball Classic Wednesday, July 10, in Inglewood's Forum.

The doubleheader matches the Los Angeles City vs. C.I.F. Southern Section 3-A following a game between the C.I.F. Southern Section 2-A and 1-A clubs.

Coach Bill Armstrong of Compton High's undefeated 3-A playoffs champions has a startling array of point-makers led by All-American, All-C.I.F. Southern Section 3-A "Player of the Year," all-time Southland prep scoring recordholder Paul Westphal of Aviation High in Redondo Beach.

Westphal scored 1,040 points in 32 games last season for a remarkable 32.4 average, becoming the first C.I.F. cager in history to break the 1,000-point barrier.

Little Gil Albitre (5-11, 146) of Whittier High, a prolific shooting guard, hit at a 31.4 clip, while South Torrance's Jim Owens and John Glenn of Norwalk's Tom Maggard averaged 22.6 and 22.1 points per game, respectively.

Another 3-A scoring dandy is Covina's Steve White, who compiled a 20.5 point average, and Mark Soderberg, 6-9 center from Marina High in Huntington Beach recorded a 19-point pace.

The L.A. City team, directed by Jim Ryan, who coached Manual Arts to the city tournament crown and is now at newly-opened Crenshaw High, has some sharpshooters, too. Johnny Clark, 5-11 deadeye from Jefferson, led the entire city with a 30.0 point average last season and Dave Hullman, 6-8 center from University, was high among the leaders with a 23.2 mark.

City "Player of the Year" Ron Riley of Jordan finished with a 21.9 scoring rate, followed closely by Roosevelt's 1-1 punch, Lenzy Stuart and Sam Martin, at 21.5 and 21.0 points, respectively.

Washington's Vincent Greene had a 20.3 average; Chatsworth's Scott English, 20.2; and San Fernando's Gary Matthews, 19.6.

The C.I.F. Southern Section 2-A all-stars, coached by Dave Benedaret of Bishop Montgomery, Torrance, who won the 2-A playoffs crown, had the juiced-up scoring of Bob Burge, Rubidoux of Riverside.

who had a 31.3 average; San Luis Obispo's Russ (Rusty) Blair, 2-A "Player of the Year" with a 25.6 mark; and six others over the 20-point average.

Indio's Bill Harper and Bonita's Tim Walton each averaged 24.7 points a game; Santa Ana's Jack Trotter, 24.2; North, Riverside's Cliff Sogit, 23.4; Kennedy, Bristow's Pat Douglass, 22.5; and Bishop Montgomery's Larry Wiggins, 22.1.

Two alternates, Mater Del, Santa Ana's Mike Sweeney, and Fermin Lasuen, San Pedro's Bob Hallett, averaged 21.2 and 21.0 points, respectively. Just missing the "magic circle" was Santa Clara, Oxnard's Rick Larrg, 19.9.

Top average for the 1-A team, coached by Chuck Clustka of Harvard School, North Hollywood, belongs to Nick Tenneriello of Colbert School (L.A.), who rifled in buckets at a 34.4 point-a-game pace, including a C.I.F. single-game record of 74 digits.

Steve Hurst of Desert High in Edwards averaged 28.1 points; Ron Montoya of Notre Dame High, Riverside, 1-A "Player of the Year," elicited at a 27.8 clip; and Bill George, Rim of the World, Lake Arrowhead, 26.7.

Other high-octane scorers for the 1-A all-stars include John Kinsella, Bishop Garcia Diego of Santa Barbara, 22.0 points per; Mark McDermott, Moorpark, 20.9; and John Mahoney, Paraclete, Lancaster, 19.0.

Tickets for the doubleheader, priced at \$3.50 (reserved general admission) and \$1.50 (students), are moving quite well, according to ticket director Bob Howry, and are available at all mutual ticket agencies, Wallich's Music City, and The Forum box office.

Proceeds from the games go to the co-sponsoring Manhattan Beach Lions Club, for its blind youth program, and the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association.

Long Beach 'Cap to Debut

The inaugural running Saturday of the \$40,000 added Long Beach Handicap, one of 12 new added money events on the 1968 Hollywood Park stakes schedule, has attracted the fastest thoroughbreds in the West including William Haggin Perry's Gamely and Mr. and Mrs. Bert W. Martin's Rising Market.

Paced at a mile and one-sixteenth, the Long Beach is the last major stakes on the main track for handicap stars with designs on the \$161,100 Hollywood Gold Cup on July 13.

Gamely, whose performances at Hollywood Park this season indicate she is probably the country's finest race mare of 1968 (will seek her second straight victory over

male speedsters in the Long Beach 'Cap.

After scoring an easy win over members of her own sex in the Wilshire Handicap, Gamely twice was sent out against the best of the so-called stronger sex, and she responded with two of the most imposing races of her career.

In the \$119,600 Californian, Gamely overcame a poor start to finish second to the widely heralded Dr. Fager. Then, in the \$57,050 Inglewood Handicap, she provided Southland racing fans with one of the most dramatic races seen anywhere this year.

Moving to pace-setting Rising Market with a quarter of a mile to go, Gamely battled head and head with the speedy chestnut and prevailed by a nose at the wire.

Ten of the 11 stars who support in his attempt to

finished behind Gamely have

avenge his earlier loss to

been nominated for the Long

Gamely.

Also nominated for the Long Beach is one of the leading handicap stars at Hollywood Park two years ago, Hughes and Dimick's Travel Orb. He won the 1966 American Handicap, beating the great Native Diver in that race. Travel Orb is currently making a comeback after a lengthy layoff from racing.

Jarvis Named to CIF Team

Skip Jarvis, second baseman for Bishop Montgomery High School, has been named to the All-CIF "AA" second team.

Knights this season. He was

one of five key players in

the 1967 CIF "AA" championship won by Montgomery.

His batting average last year was .368.

Jarvis batted .411 for the